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DEPARTMENT PASS TO APPROPRIATE AFRICAN POSTS

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SUBJECT: AFRICAN/ARAB SUMMIT: GOVERNMENT OF QATAR PLEDGES OF
ADDITIONAL AID

REF: DOHA 0251 (NOTAL)

1. LOCAL MEDIA MARCH 8-9 HAVE GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE
TO MARCH 8 ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL GOQ AID FOR
AFRICANS MADE AT AFRICAN/ARAB SUMMIT IN CAIRO.

2. ACCORDING MEDIA REPORTS AMIR HAS APPROVED FOLLOWING
FINANCIAL INCREMENTS:

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A. TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS ADDITIONAL CAPITAL TO
ARAB BANK FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (KHARTOUM). THIS IS
DOUBLING OF ORIGINAL TWENTY MILLION SUBSCRIBED BY GOQ.

B. FIFTY MILLION DOLLARS FOR "AFRICAN DEVELOP-
MENT PROJECTS" TO BE CHANNELED THROUGH QATAR NATIONAL
BANK. (QNB IS GOQ'S USUAL EXECUTIVE AGENT FOR BILATERAL

AID.)

C. FIVE MILLION DOLLARS SUBSCRIPTION OF CAPITAL
FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ABIDJAN).

D. ONE MILLION DOLLARS CONTRIBUTION TO OAU FOR
AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

E. TWO MILLION DOLLARS TO SUPPORT FEASIBILITY
STUDIES FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE
PROJECTS.

3. COMMENT: THIS SEVENTY-EIGHT MILLION DOLLAR
INCREMENT IN GOQ'S FOREIGN AID COMMITMENTS IS
SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN JMREADY HEAVY FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE BURDEN, MOST OF WHICH GOES TO ARAB CON-
FRONTATION STATES. GOQ'S OWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
IS BOUND TO FEEL IMPACT OF THIS FURTHER FINANCIAL
DRAIN AND THIS IS BEGINNING TO CAUSE LOCAL RUM-
BLINGS. SENIOR GOQ OFFICIAL COMPLAINED TO US THAT
AMIR'S PLEDGES OF ADDITIONAL AID TO AFRICANS PLUS
OBLIGATIONS TO CONFRONTATION STATES WOULD RETARD
BADLY NEEDED SCHOOL AND HOUSING CONSTRUCTION PRO-
GRAMS IN QATAR. THIS COUNTRY IS BEGINNING TO
FEEL PINCH OF THESE COMMITMENTS AND TEMPO OF
GRUMBLING ABOUT THEM CAN BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE.
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